

Docket No.: 43890-552

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Shunji IMAI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 1746
Serial No.: 09/986,975 : Group Art Unit: 1746
Filed: November 13, 2001 : Examiner: Joseph L. Perrin
For: WASHING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF WASHING LAUNDRY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of October 2, 2003 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect Group I (claims 1-36, drawn to an apparatus) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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